



COVID-19 Vaccines: Addressing Your Top Concerns

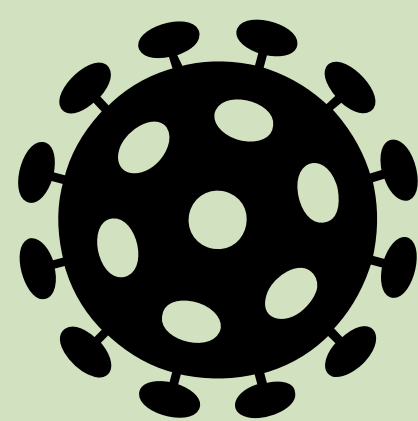
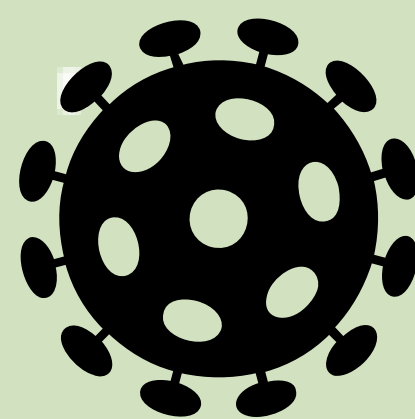


It's common to have questions about the vaccine.
Getting the facts can help you make an informed decision.

COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

Vaccine Development

- Vaccines have already been created for coronaviruses similar to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19), so **a lot of the work was already done**.
- All vaccines have gone through the **same steps to show safety and effectiveness**.
- Many steps occurred at the same time (e.g., vaccines were being made while testing was taking place). **No steps were skipped**.
- **Collaboration** between medical experts and researchers, along with plentiful funding **helped to bring vaccines to the public sooner**.



Vaccine Safety

- Millions of people have **received COVID-19 vaccines safely**.
- The vaccines met the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) **rigorous scientific standards for safety and effectiveness**.
- If you are trying to become pregnant now, or want to get pregnant in the future, **you can receive a COVID-19 vaccine**. There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines cause fertility problems.
- **None of the COVID-19 vaccines** can change your DNA (genetic material) or **make you sick with COVID-19 illness**.

COVID-19 disease has unequally affected many racial and ethnic minority groups, putting them more at risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19.

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is one of the best ways to protect yourself from this serious disease.

COVID-19 vaccines:

- Are highly effective at preventing COVID-19
- Protect you and possibly those around you
- Help you to start doing more activities like dining with friends and traveling
- Can keep you from getting seriously ill
- Give us a chance to help end this pandemic



Vaccines are available to all New Jerseyans for free, regardless of immigration or insurance status.